In re Application of:

HIDEKAZU SHIMOMURA, ET A

Application No.: 09/239,020

Filed: January 29, 1999

For: COLOR IMAGE READING APPARATUS

Docket No. 03500.013298.

Examiner: Negussie Worku

Group Art Unit: 2626

Date: October 29, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED								
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 18	MINUS	** 20	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00		
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 1	MINUS	***	0	x \$44 \$88	\$0.00		
Fee for Mu	\$0.00							
	\$0.00							

If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

	Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.				
	A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.				
	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
X	Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.				
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed.				
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.				
X	Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.				
	Respectfully submitted,				
	later 6. Auglis.				

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## PATENT APPLICATION

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been submitted to the Office on October 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 7.